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MANUFACTURING AN ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANE COMPOSITE,  
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A MEMBRANE ELECTRODE  
ASSEMBLY FOR A FUEL CELL (as amended)

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.